

September 22 - September 30, 2017

# Traveling School Campus Visit

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Specially Prepared for: Traveling School Families



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# Itinerary at a Glance

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- 1 night - Safari Court Hotel - Windhoek, Namibia
- 3 nights - Etosha Mobile Camping - Etosha National Park, Namibia
- 4 nights - Cheetah View Lodge - Otjiwarongo, Namibia

# The Thinking Behind Your Itinerary

## cheetahs, salt pan & visit your daughter

Join us for an inspiring week of travel alongside rarely viewed Traveling School students. This elusive and noteworthy teenage species is especially adapted to engage in their native habitat. Together, we will traipse around Namibia in an attempt to catch a glimpse of Traveling School students in action and with luck, we'll become inspired about learning, engaged in our surroundings, willing to try new things, and ready for these globally-minded young women to adopt us into their collaborative and supportive community. This trip will be a one-of-a-kind view of what your daughters are up to this semester. While by some accounts we won't be roughing it, we will be camping alongside these hard-core ladies. And, did we mention, be prepared to have your socks knocked off.

Founded in 1990, Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF) is the first and longest-running organization dedicated to saving the cheetah. CCF works internationally and maintains its field base in Namibia, the country with the most remaining wild cheetahs. Employing a unique, holistic approach that addresses the needs of both people and wildlife, CCF's success has led a nation that once viewed this species as worthless vermin to proudly lay claim to the title 'Cheetah Capital of the World'. From humble beginnings as a research outpost, CCF has grown into a major force in conservation. Under the guidance of Dr. Laurie Marker, the organization's conflict-reduction, research, education, and outreach programs are being replicated in other cheetah-range nations and used as a model for carnivore conservation programs around the globe.

Etosha National Park is known for the vast, bare and open pan which makes up over a quarter of the park. With so much desert, the wildlife will flock to waterholes at camps and throughout the park during the dry season, giving you an up close wildlife experience. Etosha is Namibia's premiere game viewing experience, situated in the northwest of Namibia and is an area well known for its wildlife. Vegetation ranges from dense bush to open plains attracting a diversity of wildlife. In the heart of the Park is The Etosha Pan - a shallow depression that covers an area of 5000sq kilometers. Dry and shimmering for most of the year, the pans fill up with water after good rains to a depth which is seldom deeper than 1m. In the dry season wildlife is attracted to perennial springs and waterholes that makes for excellent game viewing.



# Itinerary Specifics

When	What	How
Friday September 22	Arrive Windhoek	Welcome to Namibia! You are met on arrival
Friday September 22	Private Transfer	Windhoek Intl to Safari Court
Friday September 22 - Saturday September 23	1 Night	SAFARI COURT HOTEL - Windhoek, Namibia (Standard Room - Breakfast & dinner)
Saturday September 23	Private Transfer	Safari Court to Windhoek Eros
Saturday September 23	Light Aircraft Transfer	Scenic Air, Windhoek Eros - Etosha Mokuti; met on arrival
Saturday September 23 - Saturday September 30	Private Safari	7 Night 8 Day Privately Guided Safari Private Safari start: You meet your private guide at the airstrip and depart for your mobile campsite - Traveling School group meets you at camp
	3 Nights	ETOSHA MOBILE CAMPING - Etosha National Park, Namibia (Tent - All meals & scheduled activities) Etosha Mobile Camp to Cheetah View Lodge
	4 Nights	CHEETAH VIEW LODGE - Otjiwarongo, Namibia (Suite - Breakfast & dinner)
	Tour	CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND VISIT Private Safari end: Your guide drives you 3 hours to Windhoek Intl
Saturday September 30	Depart Windhoek	International flights TBD

\*Scheduled flights not included in the land arrangements



# The Details

## Land Arrangements

Per person - sharing	\$6,450
Single supplement	\$200

Trip cost includes:

- All accommodations, tours, transfers & meals as listed
- Traveling School escort services
- Light Aircraft Transfer - Scenic Air, Windhoek Eros - Etosha Mokuti

Excluded from the above costs:

- International and regional airfare not listed above or marked with an asterisk (\*) on confirmation of services
- Travel Insurance (quoted separately) to cover cancellation and curtailment, medical, baggage, money, and emergency evacuation home.
- Personal expenses such as laundry, gratuities, baggage handling, excess baggage fees, excess weight fees, communications charges, cost of passport or visa, airport departure taxes and airfares, any sightseeing, beverages/meals not included in the itinerary, optional activities.
- Accommodations and services booked direct

## Notes

Please note that space is limited at Cheetah View Lodge, so guests will need to share rooms



# Booking Policy

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We require a non-refundable 30% deposit to confirm land arrangements. We recommend ticketing airfare and initiating travel insurance policies at this time. Full payment is due to confirm trips planned inside 90 days to departure.

Payment is accepted by check, wire transfer or credit card (Visa, Master Card or AMEX).

The payment balance is due 90 days prior to your departure.

Cancellations for bookings must be made in writing and effective upon receipt of written notification. Cancellations received more than 8 weeks before departure result in the forfeiture of your deposit. For cancellations inside 8 weeks of the trip, no refund will be given. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

## Important Information:

When you enter the final country in your itinerary, it is required that your US passport have at least six months remaining before expiration and a minimum of two visa pages for entry and exit stamps. Amendment and endorsement pages are not accepted as substitutes.

Luggage maximum weight restrictions for light aircraft transfers, regional scheduled flights and private charters: 33 lbs for trips visiting Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania; 44 lbs max for trips visiting Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia & Zimbabwe.

Passengers weighing 220 lbs or more must advise us in advance as an extra seat will need to be added into the package for safety purposes.

For those traveling to or from Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda, yellow fever immunization is required. If you have health issues that make getting this vaccine difficult you may obtain a waiver from a Diseases Specialist (not a General Practitioner). Please contact us with questions.

# Why Travel with Mango?



## Expertise – We set the standard.

When you book with Mango Safaris you can feel confident that no other company offers you the same creativity, flexibility, regional insight and depth of knowledge about the African Continent. Mango Safaris has been planning safaris for **over** sixteen years. Travel is not just our business - it is our passion and our life. We truly enjoy what we do, so we bring a fun and engaging energy to every client relationship. Our clients feel this energy and often describe it as 'infectious'.

Our team has spent years seeking out the best Africa has to offer, allowing us to cater to a wide breadth of travel styles. You can trust our recommendations – we have great taste in everything from remote bush camps to chic city hotels and everything in between. Extensive on-the-ground knowledge means that we have visited all the properties and lived all the experiences before we recommend them to you. Long-standing relationships with a network of safari operators and top notch guides mean we can offer insider access to unique experiences that go beyond the expected.

The luxury of Africa lies in its wild heart. There you can wholly immerse into pristine wilderness, where the abundant wildlife roams free and the starry skies stretch to the horizons. You can indulge in the freedom of exploration in a world untouched by mankind. This means our focus is putting you in prime wildlife areas, with excellent guides on a flexible schedule to explore how and when you want to go. The lavish touches of stylish tented camps, great chefs and plunge pools are just the extras when it comes to African travel.

Our expertise allows us to craft beautifully authentic and perfectly tailored journeys. Whether you want to see elephant herds numbering in the thousands, marvel at ancient baobab trees, trek to the mountain gorillas, or climb to Uhuru Peak on Mt Kilimanjaro, we have got you covered. Our trips are designed to give a genuine sense of pure Africa – beautifully diverse and invigoratingly wild.

## Logistics - Our trips feel good.

Mango Safaris offers an unparalleled understanding of how to smoothly operate a trip in Africa. An astonishing amount of details go into making your trip perfect. We select restaurants to suit your tastes and request rooms with the best views. We design our trips to perfectly blend comfort and adventure.

How the pace and movement of an itinerary feels is crucial to the experience you will have as you live it. We think about airport transfer pick up times, overnights in capital cities, how and when splurges will have the most effect and what order an itinerary should go in when we start crafting suggestions for you. For instance, we like to keep the quality of game viewing, level of luxury and service improving throughout a trip. We aim to strike the perfect balance between free time and scheduled tours so you never feel under or over-planned.



We know the flight schedules of international and regional African airlines intimately and design our trips to maximize your time on safari or at the beach as opposed to airport hotels and terminals. Whenever possible, we avoid two night stays so you spend less time transferring and more time experiencing Africa.

Mostly importantly, we plan our trips with space to account for Africa being Africa. You never know when a hiccup might occur, whether it's a flat tire, a delayed flight or a band of wart hogs running through your camp. Our team will be there to smooth out any bumps that may occur so you won't even skip a beat.



## We understand the value of time.

Mango Safaris is a full service travel company – we help you with comprehensive ground arrangements in 18 African countries, international and regional flights, and travel insurance. Our expertise takes the time and stress out of planning your trip. You **won't** have to worry about the details while traveling. With limited travel time, you want to ensure your time is spent enjoyably rather than searching for ATMs or trying to figure out which restaurant is good.

Planning the trip of a lifetime is challenging no matter what the destination is – **but Africa poses its own set of particularly difficult challenges. It's hard** to even know where to start looking – which region is best for you? Which parks and reserves have the best wildlife? Which camps offer the best service and location? How do you know which are sustainably and responsibly run? **Nowadays a great website doesn't necessarily mean a great product.** With hundreds of safari camps and lodges out there, it can be overwhelming. We have done the legwork and carefully sought out the best at every level of luxury in both well-known and emerging destinations. We take the guesswork out of planning your safari experience so you can sit back and immerse entirely into the experience.



## Reputation – Big name quality with a personal touch.

Over the years Mango Safaris has been recognized by numerous top travel companies for our excellence and expertise in African travel. In addition to features in *Outside* and *Martha Stewart Weddings*, we are proud to have been on *Travel + Leisure's* 'A-List for Top Travel Advisors' in both 2014 and 2015. Multiple times over the years we have been featured in *National Geographic's* 'Trips of a Lifetime' for journeys specializing in the primates of East Africa and the peculiar wildlife of Madagascar. At the end of the day, nothing means more to us than the glowing testimonials we receive from our clients.

*"We have traveled a lot internationally, both for work and for pleasure, so we know the difference between help that is casually offered and help that is meticulous. What Mango Safaris did for us on a trip to South Africa - everything they did for us - was meticulous. And equally important, everything they arranged was first class: our accommodations, our meals, our ground transportation, all of it was flawless. The people at Mango say they have lots of "Africa experience", and it's obvious that **they do.**"*  
– Greg & Carol D.

We deeply value our relationship with our clients. When you travel with Mango Safaris, you join the Mango Family forever. We are honored that over 70% of our business comes from word of mouth referrals. Many in the Mango Family have caught the Africa bug like us, coming back time and again for another magical adventure.



As a United States based company, we are able to act as a secure and reliable connection between Africa and our clients. You can rest assured knowing your experience with Mango Safaris will be convenient, safe and dependable.

## Responsible Tourism – Conservation & Giving Back

Mango Safaris prides itself on being a conservation based company. We only send clients to areas that are responsibly managing their land and wildlife populations. We seek out eco-friendly properties that were designed for minimal impact on the environment. **It's not surprising that some of our favorite destinations are** important conservation areas. The wildlife is plentiful and the safari experiences are more flexible since they are on private concessions. Most importantly, by traveling to these areas you are helping to patron their conservation efforts.

When you book with Mango Safaris, a portion of your trip cost is donated directly to supporting conservation projects that range from combating rhino and elephant poaching, to wildlife education in local communities.

## No regrets.

Africa is a destination that you may only travel to once in your life. By choosing to travel with Mango Safaris, you ensure that it will truly be **'the trip of a lifetime'**. You'll come away with **no regrets** – only incredible memories of your time there. Africa is a truly magical place – **it's a destination that satisfies your soul and awakens your sense of wonder.** We are thrilled to invite you to experience this unforgettable way of travel, into the remote corners of the world in a completely original and authentic style.

# MANGO AFRICAN SAFARIS Safari Court Hotel

Windhoek, Namibia



The Safari Hotels Group is Namibia's largest private hotel and conference complex and consists of the three-star hotel Safari, the four-star Safari Court Hotel and the Conference Centre, all situated on 13 hectares of privately-owned land in Windhoek, the pulsating capital city of Namibia.

The Hotels are nestled in a lush garden with a large variety of indigenous trees, shrubs and lawns with various rock features and water fountains, creating a peaceful atmosphere in which to experience a selection of first-class accommodation and state-of-the-art conferencing and banqueting facilities.

The Safari Court Hotel offers 215 Bedrooms and Suites which are spacious and include a sitting area, air-conditioning and heating, en-suite bathroom with a bath and shower, toilet, electrical sharing plug and hair-dryer.

The Welwitschia Restaurant is a family restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner while the Steak House is open for à la carte dinners. Casual meals can be enjoyed in the Beergarden and the Patio throughout the day while the Coffee Corner will tempt with mouthwatering cakes, speciality coffees and ice cream.



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# Etosha Mobile Camping

Etosha National Park, Namibia



Located halfway between Okaukuejo and Namutoni in Namibia's Etosha National Park, this mobile campsite gives you an up-close experience with wildlife. A varied and abundant amount of Namibian wildlife come to the secluded, scenic, floodlit waterhole which is a short walk from the main camp itself. The major benefit here is that you will not be disturbed or distracted when game viewing. Surrounding the camp are some of the most visited waterholes in the park.

Etosha National Park is the gateway to Northern Namibia and Ovamboland. It is Namibia's prime wildlife location and home to a large variety of mammals and birds. Etosha means the ' great white area ' this refers to large dried pan in the middle of the Etosha Park. The Etosha Pan is a vast, bare, open expanse of shimmering green and white that covers around almost a quarter of the beautiful national park. It is comfortably the largest salt pan in Africa and is the park's most distinctive and dramatic feature, visible even from space. The pan was



originally a lake but over time the earth's climate forced the rivers that once fed the lake to change course and flow into the Atlantic Ocean. If one were to try find where the lake once lay today, only the dry baked alkaline clay marks would give you a clue.



While at in Etosha, guests will be wild camping. "Wild camping" means that a camp is set up in the bush/desert where no facilities whatsoever exist. All meals are prepared on an open fire and 2.5m dome tents with a bedroll and sleeping

bag are used for accommodation.



# Cheetah View Lodge

Otjiwarongo, Namibia



**T**he cheetah is Africa's most endangered cat. This project helps to research and educate about cheetah conservation in their natural habitat. They work on implementing strategies to help cheetahs survive and to stop ranchers from killing so many of them. You will learn about their guard dog program. This program brings up Anatolian Shepherd dogs to become protectors of their herds to help livestock farmers to stop seeing cheetahs as a threat to their farms. Your work could be helping out on the working farm, building fences for the new black rhino enclosure or wildlife counts at local watering holes.

With uninterrupted views of the Waterberg Plateau, the five room Cheetah View Lodge is the ideal setting for travellers who want to witness a world class conservation facility at work. Cheetah View Lodge consists of three individual low rise buildings set among the acacia trees on the fringes of the CCF reserve. The restaurant above the Family room offers the perfect spot for an elevated view of the waterhole with excellent dining and refreshments available while viewing the endemic herbivores, scavengers and occasional predators it attracts. A short walk along the meandering path takes you to the Twin/Double room suites which provide a peaceful retreat from which to enjoy the changing colours of the Waterberg as the sunsets at the end of the day.



# Cheetah Conservation Fund Visit

Otjiwarongo, Namibia



The Cheetah Conservation Fund is a world renowned international research and education facility that opens its doors to the public in an effort to help raise awareness about these incredible creatures. The CCF's conservation programming is based in scientific research to forward the battle against cheetah extinction. The biology, ecology, and genetics of cheetahs are all areas of focus for CCF. Researchers there regularly publish papers in peer-reviewed journals. The facility is also proud to be the only fully-equipped genetics lab at an in-situ conservation facility in Africa. Visitors will get the chance to see world of cheetah research, experience the ins and outs of working at a facility that blends field research and lab work at the same site, and immerse themselves in the passion that these dedicated researchers have for saving cheetahs. There are a variety of activities that are offered to guests such as guided tours of the center by staff members, educational presentations where visitors can watch resident cheetahs feed and learn about their race against extinction, and enjoying a picnic lunch on their veranda overlooking the beautiful Waterberg Plateau. A highlight of any trip is the chance to watch these speedsters navigate the Cheetah Run, which is a lure course that allows the resident cheetahs to stretch their legs while putting on an impressive speed display for visitors to enjoy. Guests may also have the opportunity to meet CCF founder and executive director, Dr Laurie Marker, who has been working on cheetah research in Namibia since 1974.

