

## 12 Days Southern Adventure - Victoria Falls to Johannesburg 2020

### In brief

Beginning at the majestic Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, we head into Botswana to explore Chobe National Park, which is famously home to vast herds of elephant that we may see drinking from a peaceful boat ride on the Chobe River. Then there is the opportunity to camp out beneath the stars in the Okavango Delta, one of Africa's most tranquil wilderness regions. Finally, we visit South Africa's largest National Park, which is home to the "big five" and many other species of animal and birdlife before finishing our adventure in vibrant Johannesburg.

### Tour details

This trip begins in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and travels south through Botswana before ending in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This trip starts in Victoria Falls on Sunday morning and departs Victoria Falls on Monday morning, allowing you a day to explore. Should you wish to explore Victoria Falls extensively, we can assist you, in booking your activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival will be for your own account.

<b>Tour starts:</b>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
<b>Tours ends:</b>	Johannesburg, South Africa
<b>Tour style:</b>	Camping
<b>Tour price:</b>	<b>R 13,400</b>
<b>Local payment:</b>	<b>US\$ 690 - payable on arrival</b>
<b>Meals included:</b>	10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners <b>Please note:</b> unless otherwise specified, meals will be prepared by the crew and group
<b>Pre-departure meeting:</b>	Held at the departure point at 5pm, day 1 of the tour
<b>Departure point:</b>	Explorers Village, Victoria Falls
<b>Check-in time:</b>	8.45am
<b>Countries visited:</b>	South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

### Please note:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road and weather conditions, political situations and group decisions. All prices and local payments are subject to change.

Due to tourism laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that we were not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre-departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

### Included highlights

- Entrance to Victoria Falls
- Chobe National Park and Chobe River boat cruise
- Okavango Delta overnight excursion
- Kruger National Park and night game drive

### What is not included?

International flights, airport departure taxes, departure transfer, visas, meals unless otherwise stated, travel insurance, laundry, and personal items, sleeping bag, pillow and tips.

### Meals on tour

Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased directly from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide

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variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus is on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

### Transport on tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage area for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 20-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

### Participation on tour

All of our tours are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Victoria Falls

A day at leisure to enjoy. Don't forget your pre-departure meeting at 5pm.

<b>Meals</b>	None
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### Day 2: Victoria Falls

Today is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions. Named after the famous World Heritage site and waterfall, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park.

Our campsite is conveniently situated, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops. A short walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or "Mosi-oa-Tunya" (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari!

After our adventure activities briefing, the day is spent relaxing at the campsite, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town.

<b>Meals</b>	None
<b>Included activity</b>	Entrance to Victoria Falls

### Optional activities

Adrenalin junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra-light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

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### Day 3: Victoria Falls to Chobe National Park (Botswana)

After breakfast, we cross the border into Botswana and head to Kasane where we set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River.

The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Elephant, hippo and many bird species can be viewed from the campsite while we watch another glorious African sunset.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Included activity</b>	Boat cruise on the Chobe River

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### Day 4: Kasane to Nata Region

We leave this beautiful part of Botswana behind us this morning as we depart to the lush campsite called Elephant Sands. The drive will take you through a very unpopulated landscape where the donkeys roam freely.

Once we have arrived at our campsite you will have the option of partaking in a game drive or a bushwalk (time dependant). Your crew will provide you with more information.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Optional activity</b>	Game drive or bush walk

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### Day 5: Nata Region to Maun

Maun is the starting point for travel into the Delta and it is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta. Tonight, we prepare our provisions and packs for our overnight excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip which can be used to pack the supplies needed for this short excursion. Your trip leader will brief you fully on what is needed, and what to expect prior to your trip into the Delta.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
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### Day 6: Maun to Okavango Delta

Today we head off for our overnight excursion into the Okavango Delta. After an early rise, we pack our expedition vehicle and from Maun and drive north for a couple of hours to reach the mokoro poler's station.

The Delta region is dotted with local villages where many families live in a traditional way. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by the traditional mode of transport – the mokoro. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds.

At the mokoro station, we meet our polers and pack our supplies before heading out into the waterways. After a couple of hours along the waterways, we arrive at our mobile tented camp situated in the heart of the Delta.

On arrival, you will meet the local staff who will be your host during your stay. A brief introduction to the camp will show you your dome tent with twin beds and a bush en-suite bathroom - a long drop toilet and a bucket shower. Relax in the tent with a cold drink or take a paddle in the Delta in a canoe. The activities at the camp include mokoro trails and guided walking.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Included activity</b>	Okavango Delta overnight excursion

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### Day 7: Okavango Delta to Maun

After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back around lunch time and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over the Delta (dependent on weather conditions and availability).

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Optional activity</b>	Scenic flight over the Delta (subject to weather and availability)

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### Day 8: Maun to Palapye

Heading out early, we have a fairly long (450kms) drive today to the small town of Palapye, situated roughly halfway between Francistown and Gaborone, Botswana's capital. This popular stopover town for those en route to South Africa, is well known for the Morupule Colliery coal mines which supplies Morupule Power Station, Botswana's principal domestic source of electricity.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
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### Day 9: Palapye to Polokwane (South Africa)

This morning we cross into South Africa and stop to sightsee at the impressive Blyde River Canyon. Named for the Blyde River that runs through it, the canyon is 26km long, and averages 800m deep and forms the northern edge of the impressive Drakensberg Mountain Range. It is classified as a 'green canyon' due to the uncommon occurrence of vegetation that lines it (uncommon as most canyons are in desert areas and are fairly barren). The main viewpoints along the canyon are the 3 Rondavels, named for the shape of the traditional huts or houses the indigenous people of the area used to live in; and Gods Window that affords a breathtaking view across the canyon and surrounding area.

Please note that there is a small entry fee at each of these attractions that will need to be paid upon arrival. The money generated goes toward the support of the local communities. There are also many locals you sell their local crafts in this area.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Optional activities</b>	Blyde River Canyon and God's Window

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### Day 10: Polokwane to Nkambeni Camp

Heading through the breath-taking Panorama Route, we stop off at various viewpoints today including scenic God's Window. We pass through the small town of Graskop, and head toward the Kruger National Park and our campsite in the park.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Included activity</b>	Kruger National Park night game drive

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### Day 11: Nkambeni Camp

Today we visit the amazing Kruger National Park (19 485 km<sup>2</sup>) in search of some of the 146 mammals, 500 bird, 114 reptile, 33 amphibian and 49 fish species that make this park their home.

We travel in our truck along the main game viewing routes within the park and stop off at some of the camps along the way. For those who wish to upgrade to an open-sided vehicle game drive, this can be arranged with the trip leader at an additional cost.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
<b>Included activity</b>	Game drives in Kruger National Park in overland vehicle

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### Day 12: Nkambeni Camp to Johannesburg

After breakfast, we begin our journey to our final destination; Egoli the place of gold (Johannesburg), Johannesburg is the capital of Gauteng, which is a province in South Africa. On arrival in Johannesburg we unload the truck for the final time, exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to participate in some of the exciting activities available here. Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
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