

20 Days Southern Africa Classic - Cape Town to Victoria Falls

In brief

This is a classic, all-time favourite African safari itinerary, and highly recommended especially for first time visitors to Africa, as it truly covers the bases for wildlife, culture, scenery and geography.

Starting in Cape Town, South Africa; colourful, beautiful and vibrant, and ending in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, this tour takes in the greatest highlights of Southern Africa, and leaves you free to add time to the start or end of your trip to view these two fabulous destinations at your leisure.

Tour details

Tours starts	Cape Town, South Africa
Tour ends	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Tour price	R 44,050 – R 48,950
Single supplement	R 7,390
Meals included	19 breakfasts, 19 lunches, 19 dinners
Countries visited	South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice. Changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience where possible. Overnight accommodation stops can change without prior notification, depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a guideline only. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, however, changes are possible within 7 days prior to your tour departure.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

07:00 am 40 On Burg, 40 Burg Street

Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338, www.40onburg.co.za

Tour ending point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel, 278 Parkway Drive,

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 <https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow//>

Okavango Delta Excursion

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta, however, a 2-night package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta. In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase. Single supplement charges paid on the tour do not cover the Okavango Delta excursion and if a single traveller is participating in this optional activity, the single supplement will need to be charged. We will try our best to pair up guests during the 2-night excursion, however if this is not possible, the single supplement will be compulsory. A minimum number of 2 guests is required in order for the 2-night excursion to operate.

At the time of booking, our reservations team will inform you which property has been secured for the particular date of your tour departure.

Option 1: Mopiri Camp OR Moremi Crossing

Option 2: Nguma Lodge

Optional Activity – Mopiri Camp OR Moremi Crossing	
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion price per person	R 15 460
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion single supplement price	R 7 700

Optional Activity – Nguma Lodge	
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion price per person	R 11 250
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion single supplement price	R 1 800

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

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Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact us to make these bookings.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional “Padstal”, these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

Accommodation	Marcuskraal http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Traditional Dinner

Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Bundi http://www.bundi.co.za/orangerivercanoeing.htm
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Citrusdal to Orange River
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

Accommodation	NWR: Ai Ais Resort http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-spa
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Ais-Ais Hot springs

Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be

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spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

Accommodation	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathrooms <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation	Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/ OR Desert Camp http://desertcamp.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

Accommodation	Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/ OR Desert Camp http://desertcamp.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

Day 7 - Swakopmund

Our final day in the desert comes to an end as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation	Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/ OR Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Walvis Bay Lagoon, Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert

Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation	Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/ OR Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking

Day 9 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwillodge.com/home OR
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	Uis White Lady http://uiswhiteladyguesthouse.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 10 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the ±2-hour return hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab. For those who would like to visit an educational centre showcasing the lifestyle of the Himba Tribe, you will have the opportunity to book an optional excursion this afternoon.

Accommodation	Melissa's Guesthouse https://www.melissaguesthouse.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Brandberg to Kamanjab
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation	NWR: Halali https://nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in overland truck

Day 12 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in overland truck

Day 13 - Windhoek

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some of its better known landmarks. *(Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).*

Accommodation	Heja Game Lodge http://www.hejalodge.com
Facilities	Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 14 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this afternoon, we enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. Tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation	Ghanzi Trail Blazers http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	San Guided Walk (could take place the next morning) / San Tribal dance in evening

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Border Post

Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00

Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 15 – Okavango Delta

This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. *Those guests who have pre-purchased the 2-night package – will board the flight into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 17. Please speak to your consultant for your programme of the Okavango Delta Excursion.*

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Mokoro Lodge http://mokorolodge.com-botswana.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Ghanzi to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 16 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your peler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Mokoro Lodge http://mokorolodge.com-botswana.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta – Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 17 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning (and re-uniting with those that chose 2-night Okavango Delta excursion) we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans. On arrival in Nata, you will have the opportunity to book an optional afternoon guided game drive to the Makgadikgadi Pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php OR Pelican Lodge http://www.pelicanlodgebotswana.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Nata
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

Day 18 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration with an optional game drive in 4x4 vehicles and our afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Chobe National Park boat cruise
Optional Activity	Chobe National Park Game Drive

Day 19 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>

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Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 20 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting