

12 Days Best of Southern Africa 2020 - Cape Town, Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

In brief

This tour takes in the best of it all: Cape Town the beautiful, the incredible landscapes of Southern Namibia, the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park, ending in the spectacular Victoria Falls. By flying from Cape Town to Windhoek this tour is designed to make the most of your time, allowing this safari to be taken over a two-week break, a day either side for travelling from home and back again!

Tour details

Tours starts	Cape Town
Tour ends	Victoria Falls
Tour price	From US\$ 2300*
Single supplement	US\$ 390
Meals included	11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
Countries visited	South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe

***NB:** Price per person, based on 18 passengers

Included activities

- Airport transfers
- Air Namibia Flight, Cape Town to Windhoek
- Half day Cape Town city tour
- Full day Cape Peninsula tour
- Sesriem Canyon entry
- Sossusvlei entry, Namib Naukluft National Park
- 4x4 transfer to Dead Vlei
- Traditional San "bushman" dance
- Guided San "bushman" walk
- One night Classic Comfort safari in the Okavango Delta
- Chobe River sunset cruise
- Chobe National Park game drive in open-sided vehicle
- Victoria Falls entry and guided tour

Optional activities

A good variety of optional activities are available in various locations on your tour. These are shown in the itinerary below.

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.

Itinerary

Day 1: Cape Town

Today you will be met at the airport by the guide for your half-day Cape Town city tour. The highlights you will explore include the South African Museum & the Company Gardens, Parliament buildings, City Hall and Castle of Good Hope, Malay Quarter/ the colourful Bo-Kaap residential area, Green Market Square, Signal Hill, Camps Bay & Clifton beaches. Optional extras include a cable car ride up Table Mountain and a short diamond factory tour.

After your tour you will be transferred to your hotel to settle in. The afternoon and evening are yours at leisure; this would be a good day to explore the Cape Town Waterfront and its extensive variety of shops.

Meals	None
Accommodation	Holiday Inn Express Cape Town Twin ensuite rooms

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Included activity	Half day Cape Town city tour
Optional activities	Table Mountain cable car, diamond factory tour

Day 2: Cape Town

The day tour guide will collect you at 9am for your full day Cape Peninsula tour. Highlights today include Llandudno, Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak Drive, Noordhoek beach, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, Cape Point, Simons Town, Muizenberg, Constantia and Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Optional extras include a boat ride to Seal Island and entrance to the penguin colony in Simon's Town.

After your tour you will be transferred to your hotel to spend an evening at leisure.

Meals	Breakfast
Accommodation	Holiday Inn Express Cape Town
	Twin ensuite rooms
Included activity	Full day Peninsula tour
Optional activities	Boat ride to seal island, penguin colony Simon's Town

Day 3: Windhoek

You will be collected from your hotel for transfer to Cape Town airport at 7.30am, for your 10.05am flight to Windhoek. This flight is included as part of your tour.

On arrival you will be met by the tour vehicle and guide. On arrival in Windhoek you will have a short city driving tour. You will also have the chance to exchange money for the Botswana portion of your tour. There will be no need to change money for your time in Namibia.

Tonight you may wish to dine out at Joe's Beerhouse, which offers a fine selection of local beers and good cuisine.

Meals	Breakfast, refreshment on plane
Accommodation	Arebbusch Travel Lodge
	Twin ensuite rooms

Day 4: Sesriem

Departure will be after breakfast today. En route you will stop in Solitaire, which is famous for its apple pie and other baked treats. Lunch can also be purchased here.

Camp will be set up on arrival in Sesriem. Your guide will demonstrate tent set up, and you will have the chance to take a dip in the Sesriem campsite pool. In the afternoon as the temperature cools you will visit Sesriem Canyon, so-called for the six belt-straps ("Sesriem") the early pioneers used to draw water from the bottom of the Canyon. A short walk can be taken into the canyon itself, and is well worth it for the unusual rock forms.

This evening you will enjoy a meal cooked around the camp fire.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Sesriem Camp
	Camping NB: an optional upgrade can be made to the luxurious Sossusvlei Lodge, subject to availability.
Included activity	Park entrance, Namib-Naukluft National Park Visit to Sesriem Canyon

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Day 5: Windhoek

Very early this morning you will participate in a time-honoured overland tradition: the race to the Sossusvlei park gates. These open one hour before sunrise, and it is worth being as near to first in the vehicle queue as possible. The drive to Dune 45 takes approx. 45 minutes. The crew will prepare breakfast while you climb the dune for sunrise; an incredible photo opportunity.

After enjoying breakfast at the base of Dune 45, you will travel to the Dead Vlei parking area - approx. 20 minutes travelling time. From here, 4x4 vehicles will transfer you into Dead Vlei.

You will have an hour or so to enjoy the Vlei. You will need to board the transfer vehicle by 10am, in order to arrive back at Sesriem at approx. 11am. Here you will break camp while the crew prepares lunch. You will depart for Windhoek immediately after lunch.

Dinner will be out, for own account, at one of Windhoek's many fine restaurants.

Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	Arebbusch Travel Lodge Twin ensuite rooms
Included activities	Park entrance, Namib-Naukluft National Park Visit to Sossusvlei 4x4 transfer to Dead Vlei

Day 6: Ghanzi

This is a long drive day, so you will depart immediately after an early breakfast. The day will be broken up by a lunch stop under a tree en route.

After checking in to your room you are free to take photos of the environment. The traditional San "bushman" dance will take place in the evening, and dinner will be enjoyed around a campfire.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Ghanzi Trailblazers Twin ensuite rondavels
Included activity	Traditional San "bushman" dance

Day 7: Maun

This morning you will enjoy a guided walk with a San "bushman" guide, who will point out the various plants and animal tracks and discuss traditional life.

Drive time will be relatively short, and you will arrive in Maun in the mid to late morning. You will stop here for shopping before heading out to Sitatunga Camp, located a short distance out of town.

On arrival you will check into your chalet and have some lunch. The campsite is lovely and offers a variety of birdlife, a swimming pool and a bar which you can enjoy at your leisure.

Tonight at dinner you will be briefed about your overnight trip into the Okavango Delta.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Sitatunga Camp Twin ensuite chalets
Included activity	Guided San "bushman" walk

Day 8: Okavango Delta

Your adventure in the Okavango Delta will begin after breakfast with a transfer to the Delta polers' station. Boarding a mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe, your poler will negotiate the narrow channels and waterways, an exciting yet

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relaxing journey.

You will arrive at the campsite in the late morning, and after a brief introduction to the camp you will be shown to your dome tent, complete with camp beds and a bush ensuite bathroom, with bush toilet and bucket shower.

Lunch will be served at 1pm, after which you can have a go at poling a mokoro, take a swim or just relax around camp. After a brief afternoon tea at approx. 3pm the afternoon activities will start. Your options will include a mokoro ride or a guided walk in search of game.

You will return to camp in time for a sundowner (own account) while your dinner and shower water are prepared. The evening will be spent around the camp fire where your hosts can be encouraged to share some stories with you.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	Okavango Delta campsite Twin ensuite tents
Included activity	Okavango Delta overnight excursion

Day 9: Nata

It's an early start today as you enjoy a final activity. After breakfast in the bush you will meander back along the pristine channels of the Delta to the polers' station, where you will bid the Delta farewell for the journey back to Maun.

The itinerary is tight today, so any optional activities (as noted below), must be pre-booked and -paid. Your guide will be able to give you extra information about these.

Following these activities, you will travel to Nata. Lunch will be prepared en route, under a tree. The afternoon is yours at leisure to relax.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	<u>Nata Lodge</u> Twin ensuite rooms
Optional activities	Helicopter flight, or fixed-wing aircraft flight over the Okavango Delta

Day 10: Chobe National Park area

After breakfast you will depart for Kasane, the base town for explorations of Chobe National Park. After arrival at camp and checking in to your room, lunch will be prepared.

At approx. 4pm you will commence your Chobe River boat cruise. Be on the lookout for elephant – sometimes large herds can be seen! – hippo, buffalo, kudu, bushbuck, hippo, crocodile and sable antelope. In the summer months the birding is incredible!

On the opposite side of the river from camp is Chobe National Park. This is where the animals gather and can be seen in the greatest abundance from the boat.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
Accommodation	<u>Kwalape Safari Lodge</u> Twin rooms
Included activity	Park entrance, Chobe National Park Chobe River boat cruise

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Day 11: Victoria Falls

The day will start early with your morning game drive in Chobe National Park. You will board open-sided game driving vehicles with a local guide, who will be on the lookout for wildlife to point out to you.

On arrival back at camp you will enjoy breakfast before heading off on your last transfer for the tour, to Victoria Falls. This is a short drive although a border crossing is involved, and this could cause delays.

Arriving in Victoria Falls, you will check in to your room. Your truck and guide will bid you farewell here.

Lunch can be purchased at the café on site or in Victoria Falls town. A short activity briefing in the early afternoon will enable you to choose between the many optional activities on offer. The helicopter flight over the falls is highly recommended.

You will then be transferred to Victoria Falls National Park for your 2-hour guided tour, included as part of your package. The afternoon and evening will be yours at leisure.

Meals	Breakfast
Accommodation	<u>Shearwater Explorers Village</u> Twin ensuite rooms
Included activity	Park entrance, Chobe National Park Game drive in open-sided vehicle, Chobe National Park Two-hour guided tour of Victoria Falls, including national park entry
Optional activities	Sunset boat cruise, Zambezi River; bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge; helicopter ride over Victoria Falls

Day 12: Victoria Falls

Depending on the time of your flight home, you may have the morning to enjoy a last activity. You will then be transferred to the airport in time for your flight home.

Meals	Breakfast
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